

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of the Study

Sociolinguistics is concerned with investigating the relationships between language and society with the goal of a better understanding of the structure of language and how language functions in communications, the equivalent goal in the sociology of language is trying to discover how social structure can be better understood through the study of language. Wardhaugh (1986:12). So that, people need to learn sociolinguistics because people always communicate with others in their society. When people interacted with others in society they must use a language. Without language, people would get some difficulties when they did their activities and toward the others. Language as a mean of communication played an important role in human interaction. In using the language, human beings faced many aspects concerned with language in use. Language could be used both in oral and written forms based on their contexts. While from its context, language could be used in formal and informal situations. No people or no society without a language.

There were so many aspects that could be used as a research in Sociolinguistics. One of the aspects was slang. Recently, slang was used by people in communication to each other. People usually used slang in informal situations. Actually slang was not too good if it was used too often. Because language was a reflection of the speakers. If the speakers used the good language

it could reflect their good attitude. Slang was one of the informal styles. According to Keraf (1994:108) Slang is used with highly informal words that are not considered standard in the speaker's dialect or language and is used in spoken form. The implication of slang word isto enrich the language vocabularies for example by communicating the old words with the new meaning. Mudrikah (2012:1) states that the beginning of using slang is only the special vocabulary that is used by criminals. The criminals used the slang words to made the other people do not understand about what they were talking about. Mudrikah (2012:2) also states that generally slang is used by particular group of people which is created arbitrarily and it is difficult to explain the reason. According to Longman dictionary, slang is a language that is used especially by people who belong to a particular group, such as young people or criminals. It was the reason slang had the meaning as the language of the inferiors that did not have education. So actually slang word is not good to used because people will look uneducated when used the slang word. And sometimes when people used the slang word it can make the other get confused because slang word used by particular group. According to Pei and Gaynor (1954 :199) Slang is a style of language in common use that is produced by popular adaptation and extention of the meaning of existing words and by coining new words with disregard for scholastic standards and linguistic principles of the formation of words generally peculiar to certain classes and social or age groups.

According to O'Grady et al (1993:555), slang is a label which is used to show the informal usages of anyone in speech community. On the other word,

Slang was the use of informal words and expressions that did not considered standard in the speaker's language. The advantage of using slang was the communication would be fluently done because it was used by particular group of community. Usually, slang was only used by a particular group who know or understand about language variation which they would use. Slang could be found on radio, television, newspapers, magazines, lyrics of music, books, etc.

In this research, the writer would like to analyze slang word in Jay-Z's song lyrics. There were some types of song. One of the types was rapping song. Jay-z's song was included to the rapping song. the writer choosed the rapping song because usually there were so many slang words that could be found in rapping song.

The writer would like to present an example lyrics from Jay-z as the data for this research. This was a piece of Jay-z's lyric song with title *The Return*

***Halt!** Who goes there?*

*It is I **sire** Tone from Brooklyn.*

Well, speak up man what is it?

*News from the East **sire!***

From the example above we could see that the slang language was used in the song lyric. There were two types of slang word that were found. First was the word Halt!. in this case, halt! as slang word meant Stop. These pieces of lyric told about there was someone who came for bring a news. but the speaker didnt know him. So the speaker used the word Halt in the first line that meant Stop! who goes

there? This slang was included to slang that is used in American Television Program type (exclamation used in cartoon and comics books). Second was the word Sire. In this case, the word Sire was pointing to the name of human. Sire tone in the second line meant as Sir Tone. It was included to Various slang.

B. The Problems of the Study

Based on the background presented above, the problems of the study deal are as follow:

1. What were the types of the slangs found in the lyrics according to David Burke?
2. Which type of slang that was used in the lyrics most dominantly?

C. The Objectives of the Study

The objectives of this study are:

1. To classified the slang words according to David burke's types.
2. To found out the dominant usage of type of slang words in jaz-z's song lyrics

D. The Scope of the Study

The scope of this study was limited to the usage of slang words in the lyrics of songs. The lyrics of songs were from the selected songs of Jay-z's album *Unfinished Business*, released in 2004 which were browsed in the internet website (www.azlyrics.com).

E. The Significances of the Study

The writer expected that the result of this study could give contribution for academic field and practical field.

1. Theoretically ; the finding of this research to be useful for those who concerns to study further about Slang.especially through the lyric of songs.
2. Practically ; this research hopefully has some benefits for all student especially at English Department Student. And the students are able to apply their knowladge and comprehend the slang language in the appropriate daily conversation, especially in informal situation. And also as the additional resources for teacher and lecturers in teaching Slang